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DAN GILMARTIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CEO, MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE

Dan Gilmartin is the Executive Director and CEO of the Michigan Municipal League. Through his work with communities, Dan is recognized as a national leader in the fields of urban revitalization, placemaking, local government reform, and transportation policy.

Under Gilmartin's leadership, the League powers innovative programs and practices that improve communities in Michigan and beyond. He is a frequent national and international speaker.

In 2018, he added podcast host to his resume on the *Economics of Place* podcast, part of the League's We Love Where You Live podcast series. He is a frequent blogger and a contributing author to the books *The Economics of Place: The Value of Building Communities Around People* and the follow-up *Economics of Place: The Art of Building Great Communities*.

Prior to his current position, Gilmartin served for four years as the lead advocate for Michigan's communities in Lansing and Washington, D.C., where he concentrated on a number of key issues including transportation, land use, and urban redevelopment.



ERIC W. LUPHER, PRESIDENT, CITIZENS RESEARCH COUNCIL

Eric W. Lupher has been President of the Citizens Research Council since September of 2014. He has been with the Citizens Research Council since 1987, the first two years as a Lent Upson-Loren Miller Fellow, and since then as a Research Associate and, later, as Director of Local Affairs.

He has researched such issues as state taxes, state revenue sharing, highway funding, unemployment insurance, economic development incentives, and stadium funding. His recent work focused on local government matters, including intergovernmental cooperation, governance issues, and municipal finance.

Lupher is a past president of the Governmental Research Association and also served as vice-chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC), an advisory body for the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), representing the user community on behalf of the Governmental Research Association.

He holds a B.A. in International Relations from James Madison College at Michigan State University and a M.A. in Public Administration from Wayne State University.

DR. ERIC SCORSONE, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, FINANCE, AND POLICY, MSU EXTENSION

Dr. Eric Scorsone rejoined MSU in 2011 as a fixed-term Extension specialist, State and Local Government Program, in the Department of Agricultural, Food, And Resource Economics. He worked as senior Economist at the Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency in 2010 and returned to Michigan State University in 2011. He also worked at MSU from 2005 to 2010.



Prior to working at MSU in 2005, Scorsone developed awardwinning extension programs as an Assistant Extension Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Kentucky in the areas of rural health economics and economic development. He also served as an Economist for the Colorado Governor's Office of State Planning and Budget and as a Senior Economist for the City of Aurora, Colorado.

He received his Ph.D. from Colorado State University, where his dissertation focused on economic models of growth in the Denver housing and labor markets. He received his Master's degree from Michigan State University and a B.B.A. from Loyola University of Chicago. He has also worked on international development projects in Thailand, Macedonia and Indonesia and has taught at the University of Bologna, Italy and University of Valencia, Spain in public performance management.



DEIRDRE WATERMAN, MAYOR, CITY OF PONTIAC

Deirdre Waterman was sworn in January 1, 2014, as Mayor of the City of Pontiac, the first woman mayor in Pontiac history. In 2017, Waterman made history once again as the first mayor to earn a second term.

A graduate of the University of Chicago, Mayor Waterman concentrated her studies to earn dual degrees in Biology and Political Science. She later received a medical degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN. She completed her residency at the Kresge Eye Institute at Wayne State University to become the first African-American female ophthalmologist in Michigan.

She has served as Chairwoman of the National Medical Association, Region IV, as well as two terms as Finance Chair for that organization. She was also President of the Associated Healthcare Providers and is listed in the first edition of Vital Signs: Michigan, citing African-American achievement in healthcare. She has served in Ghana, Liberia, and India where she performed eye surgery as well as provided healthcare in underdeveloped and impoverished communities.

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MATT GROSSMANN, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH (IPPSR), PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

A nationally known political scientist, Dr. Matt Grossmann is an expert on American politics and government whose research spans national and state policymaking, election campaigns, interest groups, and political parties.

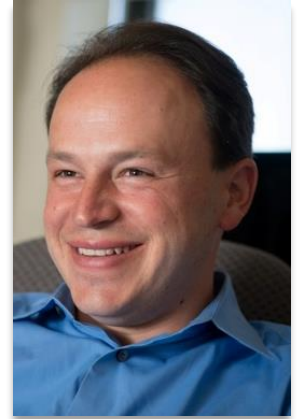
Dr. Grossmann, professor of political science, has authored numerous journal articles on policy change, political party networks, the legislative process and public opinion. His latest book, *Red State Blues* was recently made available through Cambridge University Press.

He is also editor of the volume *New Directions in Interest Group Politics*, from Routledge.

Grossmann's a Senior Fellow at the Niskanen Center in Washington, DC, host of [The Science of Politics Podcast](#) and a regular contributor to FiveThirtyEight's online political analysis. He has also published op-eds in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*.

While on sabbatical from 2018-2019, he served as Visiting Associate Professor of Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and as Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Quantitative Social Science at Harvard University.

He was named IPPSR Director in January 2016.



ARNOLD WEINFELD, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH (IPPSR)

Arnold Weinfeld is Associate Director of the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR) at Michigan State University as well as Director for Workforce and Economic Development Partnerships for the Office of Public Engagement and Scholarship within University Outreach and Engagement.

Prior to joining MSU, Weinfeld served as CEO of the Prima Civitas Foundation, a community and economic development non-profit organization. He also has worked for the Michigan Municipal League where he served in a number of roles and co-founded the Michigan Sense of Place Council.

Weinfeld began his career with the Michigan House of Representatives where he worked as a legislative aide, policy analyst and policy director. He has served his own community as an elected member of the Waverly Community Schools Board of Education and is currently on his local planning commission.

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